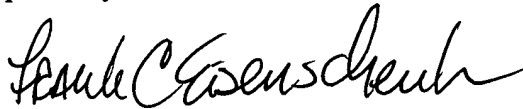


Remarks

Claims 136-172 are pending in the subject application. In the most recent Office Action, a restriction requirement was issued in this matter. Claims 136, 139-141, 144-147, 149-155, 158, 160-163, and 165-172 read on the elected invention. Accordingly, claims 136-172 are currently before the Examiner with claims 137, 138, 142, 143, 148, 156, 157, 159, and 164 standing withdrawn from consideration. Favorable consideration of the claims in view of this response, and in view of the remarks set forth herein, is earnestly solicited.

Applicants also wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the interview of 7 August 2004 where the Chen *et al.* reference was discussed. The reference has been submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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